# Site Management System for Multiple Fuel Cell System Operation (and other DoD Fuel Cell Program Highlights)

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#### **Presentation Outline**

- Site Management System (SMS) & USPS 1 MW Demonstration Project
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# Site Management System (SMS)

- Multi-Unit Load Share
  - ✓ Parallel Fuel Cell Installations
- Seamless Transfer Capability
  - ✓ Instantaneous Backup Support for Critical Loads
- Field Demonstration U.S. Post Office, Anchorage, AK
  - ✓ Five ONSI PC25 Fuel Cell Power Plants



## **SMS Factory Test**





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## **SMS** Installed





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#### **Customer Needs**

- U.S. Postal Services Main Processing Center in Anchorage Experienced Frequent Momentary Outages
  - Caused Shutdown of Mail Sorters
  - Elapsed Time to Clear and Restart-- 2 Hours
  - Lost Productivity and Time
- Concurrently, Facility Needed to Replace Back-up Diesel / Generator and Inadequate Ups System



#### **System Operational Parameters**

#### **Electrical - Normal**

- Operates in Parallel to Grid
- Provides All Power to Facility (~ 800 kW Peak)
- Provides Excess Power to Chugach Grid

#### **Electrical - Grid Outage**

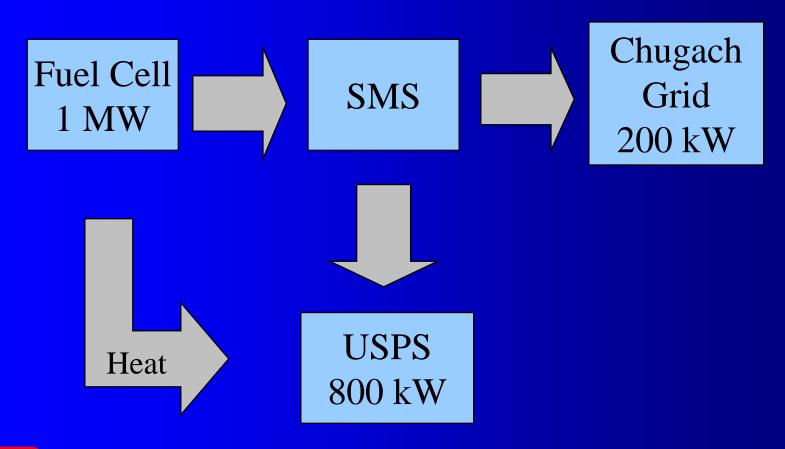
- Operates Grid Independent; Provides All Facility Power
- Transfers Seamlessly (1/4 Cycle); No Equipment Outages
- Units Share Facility Load (Multi-unit Load Share Option)
- Replaces Existing Diesel Generator Set and UPS

#### **Thermal**

Provides Facility Heating With PC25 C High Grade Heat Option

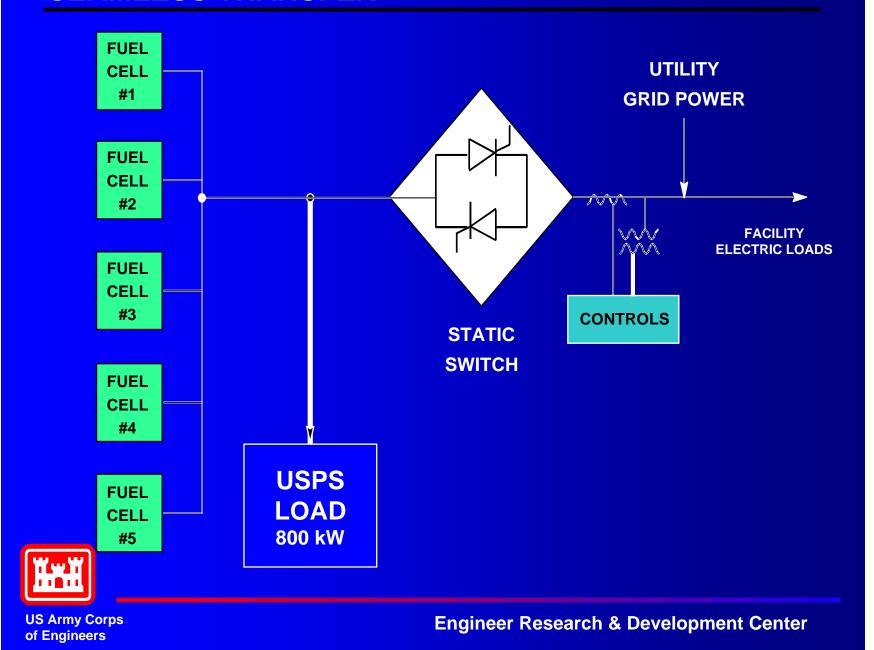


## System Block Diagram





## MULTIPLE UNITS ASSURED POWER / GRID CONNECT / SEAMLESS TRANSFER



#### **LOSS OF GRID TRANSITION**

#### **Test Results**





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## **Project "Firsts"**

- 5 PC25 Unit Installation at Single Site
- Multi-unit Load Share and Site Management System (SMS) for Control
- Use of Fuel Cell Installation As Distributed
   Generation Asset by Local Utility
- Power Continuity to Load Using Seamless Transfer (1/4 Cycle Transition)
  - Grid Parallel to Grid Independent, and
  - Grid Independent to Grid Parallel



### **Participants**

- Chugach Electric Association, Inc.-- Largest Utility in AK; Owner of Power Plants
- US Postal Service -- End-use Customer / Site
- US Department of Defense -- Technology and Grant Resources
- ONSI Corporation
- Cooperative Research Network of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)
- Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)





#### **Dedication Ceremony-- 09 AUG 2000**



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Ribbon Cutting -- 09 AUG 2000



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## DoD PAFC 200 kW Fuel Cell Demonstrations

- DUECC Request for CERL Assistance
- FY93 Congressional Appropriation \$18M
- FY94 Congressional Appropriation \$18.75M
- Specify "...natural gas fuel cells in production in the United States..."

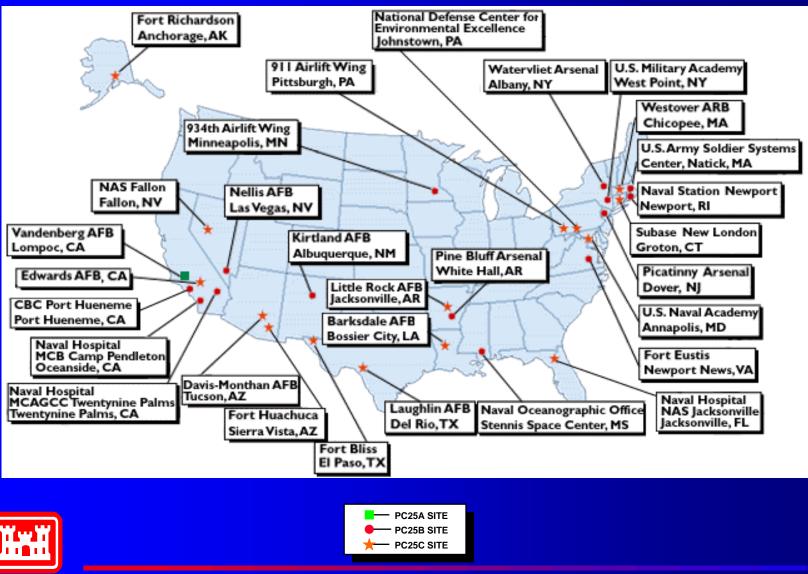


## DoD PAFC 200 kW Fuel Cell Demonstrations

- 30 ONSI PC25 Fuel Cell Power Plants
   ✓ 15 Model C, 14 Model B, 1 Model A
- Turn Key Packages
- Application/Geographic/Climatic Diversity
- Continued Performance Monitoring
- Product Improvement Feedback



## PC25 POWER PLANT DoD SITES





#### PC25 B Installed at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ



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## **Facility Applications**

Central Heat Plants
11 Sites



- Hospital Utility Plants
  7 Sites
- Pool / Gymnasiums
  3 Sites



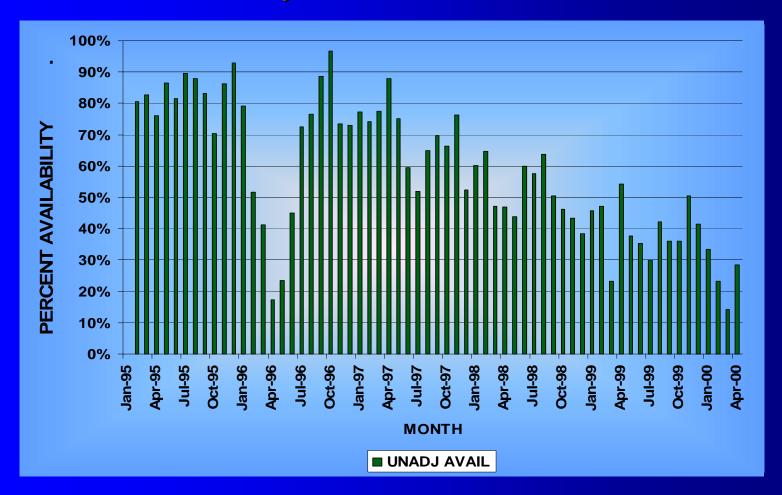


Barracks, Dining Facility, Laundry, NG Armory, Launch Control Bldg., Office, Evaporator process



### PC25B Availability

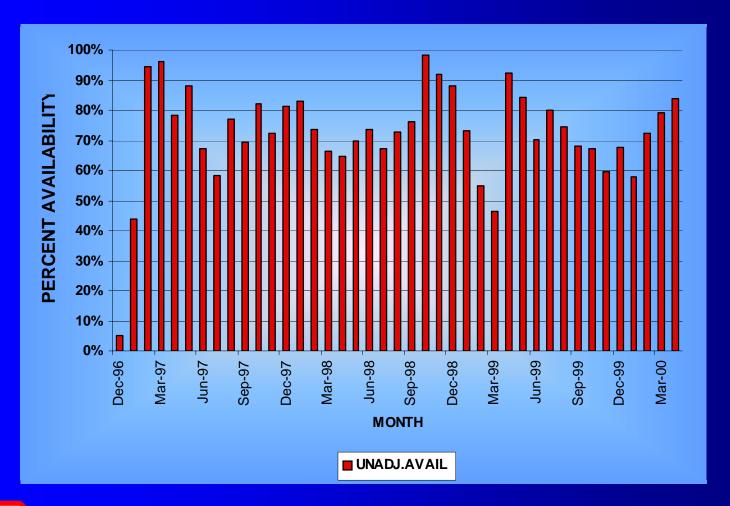
#### **Monthly for Entire B Fleet**





#### PC25C Availability

#### **Monthly for Entire C Fleet**





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### Fleet Performance Summary

(29 Power Plants)
As of 1 September 2000

Total Run Time 614,658 hrs

Unadjusted Availability

Model B Fleet 54%

Model C Fleet 77%

Model C Fleet (6/00 - 9/00) 87%

Energy \$ Saved \$4,144,645

NOx Abated 197 tons

SOx Abated 422 tons

CO Abated 17 tons

CO<sub>2</sub> Abated 25,001 tons



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## Climate Change "Rebate" Program Objectives

- Reduction of Fuel Cell Prices via Economy of Scale
- Proactive Approach for DoD Involvement



### "Rebate" Program Highlights

Grant Money Available / Fiscal Year

√ FY00 \$ 2.0M (approximate)

✓ FY99 \$ 2.3M

✓ FY98 \$ 4.2M

✓ FY96/97 \$10.6M

✓ FY95 \$ 8.2M

Cost-Shared Program Incentives

√ \$1,000 / kW up to 1/3 of the total cost



# Application Rating Criteria

- Firmness of Financial Commitment (40%)
- Site Information (20%)
- DoD Relationship (20%)
- Uniqueness of Project (20%)



## FY1999 Program Results

- Managed by USACERL
- Executed by NETL
- Rebates awarded for:
  - √ 10 IdaTech 3 kW PEMFCs
  - √ 23 Plug Power 7 kW PEMFCs
  - √ 8 ONSI 200 kW PAFCs
  - ✓ 1 Siemens-Westinghouse 250 kW SOFC
  - ✓ 1 Fuel Cell Energy 250 kW MCFC



## "Rebate" Program Additional Information

- Check the following links late 2000 / early 2001 for additional information on the FY00 Rebate Program:
  - www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicit/index.html
  - www.dodfuelcell.com/updates.html



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## DoD Fuel Cell Test & Evaluation Center (FCTEC)



**FCTEC Site - Johnstown, PA** 



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## FCTEC Description

- The FCTEC is located in Johnstown, PA at Concurrent Technologies Corporation's (CTC's) Environmental Technology Facility.
- The FCTEC is a National Resource for the independent, unbiased testing and validation of fuel cell power plants for military and commercial applications.
- FCTEC's primary goal is to significantly accelerate the development and commercialization of fuel cell power plants.

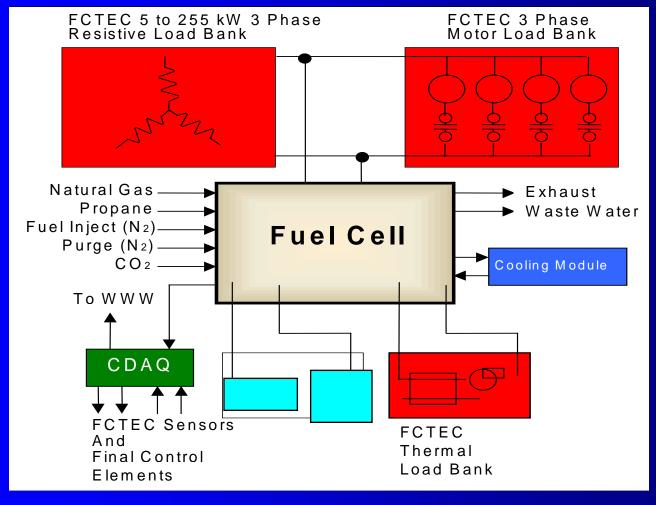


#### **FCTEC Services**

- Independent Demonstration and Validation of Fuel Cell Power Plants Up to 300 kW
- Testing Fuel Cells Continuously, 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week
- Providing Computerized Process Control and Data Acquisition Capability Including Protected, Internet Data Access
- See Brochure for Specific Testing Capabilities



## FCTEC Block Diagram







**Indicates Future Test Apparatus / Equipment** 

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## FCTEC Example Test Skids





**Dynamometer Skid** 



**Pump Skid** 



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Fan Skid

#### **FCTEC - Benefits**

- Accelerated Development of Fuel Cell Power Plants
- Access to Both Government & Industry Clients
- Designed for Simple Operation, Maximum Flexibility



#### **FCTEC Additional Info**

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